

Abraham of Uhr, on the same Mount Sinai of conscience formulated a law of human progress in the bond of social obligation that stopped not at the Chinese wall of time and space, but embraced the alway and the everywhere in the mightier bond of gratitude and reverence to the everlasting and omnipotent All-Father in the cosmic family of God, who vouchsafed to the Ancient Patriarch and Human Ancestry the borrowed power with which they bound posterity to the common chariot of responsible human progress. In conscience hath Allmight made an everlasting covenant of cosmic liberty, truth and justice with man. Take up thy bed and walk, improve thyself forever by teaching mankind to improve themselves. Be ye perfect as God is perfect. Not matter nor unconscious force nor whimsicality of spontaneous generation, nor the impotent Don Quixotism of finite gods, cradled and nursed by the wolf nature, bar the pathway of mortals. The finite is not the Almighty. The true God of the universe, is self-existent by virtue of His infinite personal initiative. He never sleeps nor slumbers He is not universal unconsciousness come to consciousness for the first time in man, to be the mouthpiece and vicegerent of an almighty that cannot speak alway and everywhere for liberty, truth, and justice, and make them the supreme law of the universes. He neither materializes, theologizes nor incarnates, lest the universe should be shrouded in the unknowable. For the conscious spirit can alone recognize the infinite spirit as infinite cause like unto its finite spiritual likeness, and distinguish it from matter, force, spontaneous generation, and the finite Don Quixotes of religious mythology. Abraham was the absolute scientist of his day and generation. He was no believer in a cannibal God that asked him for the sacrifice of his son. Be ye perfect as God is perfect, convicts Biblical inspiration of being a liar, and the infinite uniformity of the law of cosmic liberty and justice confirms the verdict.

Universal necessity and universal despotism are incapable of accounting cosmically for free society. Had

The Almighty trumpet on Mount Sinai never sounded in the day and generation of Moses. It was blown by tradition after tradition had forgotten utterly the absolute science which Moses had taught. A super-natural Messiah might be expected until Abraham and Moses came. Inspiration ceased, when the science of science explained the validity of the scientific method ad infinitum. Absolute science knows that tomorrow will add to mortal's store if mortal faithfully works in the Lord's vineyard so long as Providence confers liberty and exacts responsibility, and intrusts man with being the architect of his own destiny in common with his fellows. Sandalled, girded, and staff in hand for the eternal Passover as responsible freemen journeying toward infinite excellence, is a substitute for evolution's physical jig of

The infinite idea of the divine head of the Commonwealth is absolutely essential to the health and the improvement of society. Incarnation in Christianity reached its climax in the vicegerency of God urbis et orbis by the pđpacy in the Middle Ages. It was the socially organized special revelation of caste and privilege maximized into infinitude. It was the world spectacle of the cosmic Almighty led around with a ring in his nose in the caravan of earth based upon the proposition of Egypt, India, and Chaldaea, and Zoroastrianism and polytheism, and of despairing Greece and Rome that there was and is no knowable God and moral law to be the umpire among men. It was a revamping of the Sphinx at the portal and the grave of civilization. It was an Egyptian relegation of the civitas dei to the cloudland of the beyond, instead of building the altars of liberty and justice upon the earth in the temple of the all, dedicated to the righteousness of self-government for the common good of humanity. It was a revival of the brute force and brute bunning of unconscious nature which comes to consciousness for the first time in man to be the mouthpiece and vicegerent of an cosmic almighty that cannot speak or act for itself, and therefore cannot cosmically function as the divine

The lame walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, the deaf are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them in our day and generation, but it is science that makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before and which converts the starving crust of the savage, into the barns and storehouses and floating palaces of the civilized man, filled to overflowing with plenty and to spare. It is science without holy taper or holy water that fructifies the fields and the waters. It is science that without the need of a herd of swine hangs and imprisons the devil as often as he lifts his head in society. It is science that without faith cure or a rain of miracles that puts to flight pestilence and famine. It is science that as the ordinary miracle-science of every day life, circles the globe with human intercourse; spans land and sea, tunnels the Alps, railroads the earth, and unlike Xerxes, commands the ocean to do its bidding. Finally it is science which demonstrates that God is good, man immortal, and evolution the half truth of the law of humankind in progress potentialized for human realization in time and eternity. Because the universe is knowable and God is good, society is responsible for its own evils. Revelation is the ordinary knowability of God's infinite activity plus man's endeavor to master the lesson of God's kindergarten. Inspiration is the knack of toiling long and well for the common good. "Seek and ye shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened to you," saith Christ, leading the grand missionary society of absolute science. Not a sparrow frills to the ground without the divine knowledge. There is not a hair of your head but is counted. Christ taught God's immediate omnipresence and infinite creativeness of cooperative liberty in society, human and divine. Christ taught that God is the author of all things except evil, which goeth forth from the heart of man because God respects human liberty as the supreme duty of omnipotence. His parables are the expounding of the universal law of social consequence with an incisiveness, a pathos, and a beauty unequalled in humanitarianism except by Buddha.

Every man issociety's partial savior or its partial curse. Right education cures social evils at their fountain head, fitting citizens to discharge social duties with alacrity and effectiveness. In the presence of absolute science, is there anything due from Florida to herself and to human society? Would it be statesmanship and patriotism

Such a permanent constitutional convention is the needed organ of transition from the tyranny of numbers to rightful self-government, from the littleness of a union of expediency and plutocracy to a national democracy of justice and greatness.

The modern world will not accept the East Indian recipe of self-assimilation to the insensibility of unconscious force. It declines to convert all men into eunuchs and all women into nuns. Cornelia the wife, and Catia the husband, are not out of the divine order of things. Neither will modern society like ancient Egypt, treat death as a joke and dance with a skeleton at the banquet of life; nor like Chaldea, worship Phallus and Venus as symbolic emblems of the majestic organs of generation in physical and metaphysical evolution, nor will they reimpost the devil to hold the scales of the Almighty's justice, nor multiply semi-divine and semi-devilish mechanism by the trinity of polytheism, nor with Tolstói, hold that passive submission to evil is either manly or womanly or divine. Be ye poor as rats and humble as sheep, and as careless as the lilies of the valley: is the babel of a dead antiquity. Justice is sacred and of right, enforces itself best by the sword of authority, commanding education for all in the Commonwealth of God and the knowable ground of social obligation. The Nicaragua canal in trust for humanity, ceases to be an American monopoly. Even the giant trusts have their trend toward the common good when the commune of moral obligation prevails at the loom of the State.

The God of Christ is not the Christian God. Did Christ walk the earth for thirty-three years in a world filled with Caesarism and slavery without one grand word for liberty and justice and a world's social order of self-government for the common good of all men? No. The burden of his message, was the Commonwealth of Israel and the Holy God of the People leading Humanity out of the wilderness of yesterday into the promised land of a better morrow forever.

A finite end is no God. It obscures the infinite ideal of the real Infinite. Nineteen centuries of pensioned lazaroni have been unable or unwilling to lift the key-stone to the arch of social order because they have carried at the masthead of piety, Atheism, Rytation, and Incarnation; and therefore could never demonstrate a ground of social obligation to prevent society's periodical dissolution in the eternal nothing to the sepulchre of social lunatics. The benevolence of God in returning effeminate society to barbarism saves them from utter destruction by their own folly. Nineteen centuries of Christian superstition have barred with the priestcraft and kingcraft of divine monopoly, humanity's highway into a world unity of just self-government, gaddened by the common shine of a beneficent sunburst. A bathos of a million useless victims rise up from the battlefields of the Civil War and bear witness against the pompous teachers of divine monopoly who fanned the flame and prompted the fraternal charges of mutual destruction. It is human to err, the saints have labored and may have gone astray. If the clergy are not a bread and butter brigade, if they are not the allies of kings and enemies of the people, if they are true soldiers of conscience and sincere seekers after truth and righteousness, they will help with might and main to pass God's justice into the free state. Yet Abraham, Moses, and Christ were heralds of the present dawn of absolute science which their followers threaten with eclipse. Let the parable of the ten talents be applied to the church. Let the nineteenth century old undertaker of the free state retire from business. There will be no more funerals of the people. Absolute science is the verified gospel of democratic law and order. When the American battle-cast the dice of world destiny, the stakes in peace for mankind the decisive battle of all time, neither Confucius nor Grand Arcturian will witness his tent, as the Southern Cross of justice is inscribed on the flag of unified America. Then the lost and the victorious cause, triumph in a common victory of conscience over self and self.

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